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SUBJ: ARMS CONTROL CONSULTATIONS WITH FRANCE

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1. MISTRAL, ACTING CHIEF OF PACTS AND DISARMAMENT
AT QUAI CALLED IN EMBOFF APRIL 22 TO GIVE QUAI RESPONSE
TO PROPOSED CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON.
2. MISTRAL SAID QUAI IS DELIGHTED TO ACCEPT INVITATION
AND THAT HE WILL ACCOMPANY DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR
PAGNIEZ TO WASHINGTON. PAGNIEZ AND MISTRAL WILL
TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON ON THURSDAY, APRIL 28, AND WILL
BE PREPARED TO SPEND ALL DAY FRIDAY, APRIL 29, AND
WHATEVER IS REQUIRED ON SATURDAY, APRIL 30, TO COM-
PLETE DISCUSSIONS.

3. IN REFERENCE TO AGENDA, MISTRAL MADE THE FOLLOWING
COMMENTS:

A. FRENCH WILL BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS MBFR, BUT
WILL HAVE NOTHING NEW TO SAY ON SUBJECT. THEY WILL
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REITERATE LONG-STANDING FRENCH POSITION.

B. QUAI HAS REVIEWED SUBJECTS WHICH SOVIET-
AMERICAN WORKING GROUPS WILL TAKE UP AS A RESULT OF
SECRETARY VANCE'S TALKS IN MOSCOW. TWO SUBJECTS IN
PARTICULAR DO NOT LEND THEMSELVES TO FRANCO-AMERICAN
CONSULTATIONS. THESE ARE: THE ADVANCE NOTIFICATION
OF MISSILE TESTING AND NON-PROLIFERATION. MISTRAL

SAID THAT THE MISSILE TESTING SUBJECT WAS BEYOND THE COMPETENCE OF FRANCE AND THAT NON-PROLIFERATION WAS COVERED BY ONGOING NYE-NAZELLE CONSULTATIONS.

C. FRENCH WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS IN PARTICULAR OF REMAINING WORKING GROUP SUBJECTS THE DEMILITARIZATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN, CTB, AND CW. WITH REGARD TO THE LAST, MISTRAL SAID THAT QUAI WILL APPRECIATE ANY NEW US VIEWS SINCE FLOWEREE'S CONSULTATIONS IN PARIS.

D. FRENCH WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN US VIEWS CONCERNING WORKING GROUP WHICH WILL DISCUSS RADIOLOGICAL WARFARE IN THE CONTEXT OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. QUAI VIEWS THE LATTER AS NON-SUBSTANTIVE CATCHALL BUT WOULD APPRECIATE US THOUGHTS.

E. MISTRAL SAID THAT FRENCH WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS LIMITATIONS ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS. HE NOTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD TOLD SECRETARY VANCE, DURING LATTER'S VISIT, THAT GOF WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT UNTIL THE SUMMIT.

F. MISTRAL SAID FRENCH WISHED TO PROPOSE A "SUPPLEMENTARY" ITEM: SALT. FRENCH WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS SALT AS IT MAY IMPACT ON "THE DEFENSE OF EUROPE." HE CONTINUED THAT FRENCH ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN US POSITION REGARDING THIRD COUNTRY NUCLEAR FORCES, A POSSIBLE NON-TRANSFER OR NON-CIRCUMVENTION CLAUSE, AND THE POTENTIAL FOR CRUISE MISSILES IN EUROPEAN DEFENSE.

4. EMBOFF TOLD MISTRAL HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY REPORT
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THESE SUBJECTS TO WASHINGTON AND WOULD FORWARD ANY WASHINGTON REACTION.
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